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## Prior Authorization Required for Synagis® During RSV Season

Effective Dec. 29, 2010, Nevada Medicaid requires prior authorization (PA) for Synagis® (palivizumab). The current respiratory syncytial virus (RSV) season is Nov. 15, 2010, through April 1, 2011.

PA criteria were developed based upon the current American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) recommendations for the use of Synagis (palivizumab) for prevention of RSV infections. For specific criteria, refer to the <a href="Nevada Medicaid Services Manual (MSM)">Nevada Medicaid Services Manual (MSM)</a> Chapter 1200, Appendix A.

Providers may request PA by calling the Magellan Medicaid Administration, Inc. Clinical Call Center at (800) 505-9185 or by faxing or mailing the new form <u>FA-65T Synagis® Prior</u> Authorization (select "Forms" from the "Pharmacy" menu).